

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please replace paragraph [0001] on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

The present Application for Patent is a Continuation and claims priority to Patent Application No. 09/556,769 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A RATE CONTROL IN A HIGH DATA RATE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM" filed April 24, 2000, now ~~allowed~~, U.S. Patent No. 6,751,199, and assigned to the assignee hereof and hereby expressly incorporated by reference herein.